

CHANGES MADE IN STATE LAWS GOVERNING TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES

No August Examinations, Hence All Instructors Whose Certificates Expire in August Should Write at the June Examination.

Examinations Will Be Held by the County Superintendent Semi-annually at Jacksonville on Third Wednesdays of June and December

The law enacted by the recent session of the Oregon legislature relative to teachers' certificates, goes into effect May 20, 1911, and the first examination under the provisions of this law will be held June 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1911. There will be no August examination, hence all teachers whose certificates expire in August should write at the June examination. Following is a synopsis of the law:

All examinations held by the county school superintendent semi-annually, at the county seat of each county, commencing on the third Wednesday of June and December of each year, and continuing four days. All manuscripts are graded by the state board of examiners, and all certificates, except temporary county certificates, issued by the state superintendent of public instruction, and valid throughout the state.

Life State Certificates.

(1) Applicant must have successfully taught for 60 months, 15 of which shall have been in Oregon and shall pass an examination with a general average of not less than 85 per cent and a minimum of 70 per cent in the following subjects: Arithmetic, writing, orthography, reading, psychology, school law, civil government, grammar, geography, theory and practice of teaching, United States history, psychology, American literature, English literature, algebra, physical geography, plane geometry, botany, physics, bookkeeping, composition, general history, geology, and history of education.

(2) The holder of a five-year state certificate secured under this act may receive a life state certificate by passing an examination in the following subjects: Plane geometry, botany, physics, bookkeeping, general history, geology, history of education, and English literature.

Five-Year State Certificate.

(1) Applicant must have taught 12 months with approved success, and shall pass an examination with a general average of not less than 85 per cent and a minimum of 70 per cent in the following subjects: Arithmetic, writing, orthography, psychology, geography, Grammar, theory and practice of teaching, reading, United States history, civil government, Oregon school law, psychology, American literature, algebra, physical geography, and composition.

(2) May be renewed when holder has attended an institution of higher education for a period of 32 consecutive weeks, within six years from date of certificate, and done satisfactory work in such institution in at least four subjects, one of which shall be education.

Primary Five-Year State Certificate.

(1) Valid for teaching in first, second and third grades only.

(2) Applicant must have taught 12 months with approved success, and shall pass an examination with an average of at least 85 per cent and a minimum of 70 per cent in the following subjects: Methods in reading, methods in language, methods in arithmetic, methods in geography, theory and practice in teaching, writing, orthography, psychology, and shall write a thesis on an educational subject.

(3) May be renewed in same manner as five-year state certificates, or when holder has taught with approved success for 32 months during the life of certificate.

One-Year State Certificate.

(1) Applicant must pass an examination with general average of not less than 75 per cent and a minimum of 60 per cent in the following subjects: Writing, orthography, arithmetic, civil government, geography, grammar, United States history, physical geography, reading, school law, and theory and practice of teaching.

(2) May be granted without examination to an applicant who has completed four years work in an accredited high school or other accredited institution, including teachers' training course.

(3) May be renewed only once when holder has taught six months with approved success during life of certificate.

Special Certificates.

Upon the application of any board of directors, the superintendent of public instruction may, at his discretion,

issue a certificate without examination, authorizing the holder thereof to teach any one of the following subjects: Library, music, agriculture, art, manual training, penmanship, kindergarten, domestic science, domestic art, typewriting, stenography, bookkeeping, and physical culture.

Temporary County Certificates.

Issued at option of county superintendent, in cases of necessity, valid only until next examination.

Certificates of Graduation.

(1) Upon application, any graduate of a standard college or university, who has completed 120 semester hours in education, shall be granted without examination, a one-year state certificate, valid to teach in high schools only.

(2) The holder of such a certificate shall, after six months of successful teaching experience in Oregon, be granted without examination, a five-year state certificate, valid for teaching in high schools only; and after 30 months successful teaching experience in Oregon shall be granted, without examination, a life state certificate, valid for teaching in high schools only.

(3) Upon application, any graduate of a standard normal school, shall be granted without examination, a one-year state certificate, valid for teaching in any grammar school, or in any one-year, two-year, or three year high school. The holder of such a certificate shall, after six months successful teaching experience in Oregon, be granted without examination, a five-year state certificate, valid for teaching in any grammar school, or in any one-year, two-year, or three-year high school, and after 30 months successful teaching experience in Oregon, shall be granted without examination, a life state certificate, valid for teaching in any grammar school, or in any one-year, two-year, or three-year high school.

All certificates issued by the superintendent of public instruction shall be registered annually in the office of the county school superintendent of the county in which the applicant intends to teach.

Nothing in this act invalidates the life of any certificate now in force in this state, and all persons who have partially completed the examinations for state certificates and state diplomas under the laws now in force shall be allowed to complete the examinations under the rules and regulations now governing the same. Present holders of state certificates shall be allowed to secure life certificates by passing a satisfactory examination in botany, plane geometry, and general history.

CANADA TO ANNEX ISLAND OF BAHAMA

MONTREAL, Que., March 4.—The addition of another province to the Dominion of Canada is the idea that Mr. L. B. McAulay brings back with him on returning to this city today after a visit to the West Indies. The meeting that took place in the Bahama Islands on the 29th of last month, was, Mr. McAulay states, one of great enthusiasm. The legislature suspended its sittings and workmen dropped their tools in the streets on the day of the meeting to talk over the question of asking Canada to annex them. Over 20,000 people were present at the meeting and only two dissenters were noticed.

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Premier Briand May Lecture. PARIS, March 4.—Former Premier Aristide Briand, who resigned office this week, was today offered \$60,000 for 75 lectures in Europe and in the United States and South America. He probably will accept.



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